

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) An airbag for employment in a vehicle to protect a vehicle occupant facing the airbag, the airbag comprising:

an upper bag portion (3) having an upper rear surface (3c) which cushions generally against the face of the vehicle occupant (H) as the airbag is inflated; and

a lower bag portion (4) joined together with the upper bag portion (3) to form the airbag (1), the lower bag portion (4) having a lower rear surface (4c) which extends rearwardly of the upper rear surface to cushion generally against an abdomen (H1) of the vehicle occupant (H),

wherein a left end of the lower rear surface (4c) is joined with a left side portion (4b) by a left joining line including a plurality of arc shape portions (15,17,16) which have different radii and join continuously with each other, so that the left joining line is smoothly curved;

wherein a right end of the lower rear surface (4c) is joined with a right side portion (4b) by a right joining line including a plurality of arc shape portions (15,17,16) which have different radii and join continuously with each other, so that the right joining line is smoothly curved; and

~~wherein a lower face portion of the lower rear surface (4c) is more extended toward the occupant (H) than an upper rear face portion of the upper rear surface (3c) so that the lower face portion joined by the arc shape portions (17,17) of the lower rear surface (4c) approaches the abdomen (H1) of the occupant (H)~~

wherein the volume of the lower bag portion (3) is greater than the volume of the upper bag portion (4).

8.- 9. (Cancelled).